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SUBJECT: COLUMNIST REACTION TO SENATE VOTE TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO
1. RESPECTED YENI ASIR (CIRC. ABOUT 60,000) COLUMNIST GUNGOR
MENGI WRITES ON JULY 27 THAT WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO HIM IS WHAT HE
SEES AS THE IRREVOCABLE DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND NOT THE
CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ATTACHED THERETO. THIS IS BECAUSE OF
HIS BELIEF THAT IN ENDING THE EMBARGO THE SENATE ACCEPTED THE
ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW THAT THE EMBARGO FAILED TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS
TOWRD PEACE ON CYPRUS. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS VIEW ARGUES

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AGAINST ANY FUTURE IMPOSITION OF THE EMBARGO AS A MEANS
TO COMPEL A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS.
2. MENGI ASSERTS THAT NEITHER DEMIREL'S ANXIETIES
THAT THE CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE REMOVAL OF THE EM-
BARGO ARE MORE OBSTRUCTIVE AND OFFENSIVE THAN THE EMBARGO,
THAT SHIPPING ARMS TO TURKEY WILL BE TIED TO PEACE ON
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CYPRUS, AND THAT THE GREEKS WILL CONTINUE TO BE EN-
COURAGED IN THEIR POLICY OF PREFERRING THE EMBARGO TO
MOVING TOWARD PEACE ON CYPRUS NOR ECEVIT'S "CONSOLING"
RATIONALE THAT THE CONDITIONS MAKE GREECE AND GREEK
CYPRIOTS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING PEACE TO CYPRUS ARE
ON TARGET.
3. MENGI WHILE ASSERTING THAT U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS

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NECESSITATED THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO MAINTAINS THAT
THERE WERE OTHER NEEDS AND NECESSITIES OF INTERNAL
U.S. POLITICS WHICH HAD TO BE SERVED, I.E. THE SIZABLE
NUMBER OF GREEK CONSTITUENTS. THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE
U.S. SENATE BALANCES THESE INTERESTS. ACCORDINGLY,
TURKISH POLITICIANS HAVE NO RIGHT TO DENY THIS "INEVI-
TABILITY" OF U.S. POLICY. EVEN TURKISH POLITICIANS MAKE

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UNREALISTIC PROMISES TO OBTAIN VOTES; THUS IF THEY SO
ACT IN TURKEY, THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BLAME U.S. POLI-
TICIANS WHO LIKEWISE TRY TO PLEASE THEIR OWN VOTERS.
4. MENGI BELIEVES THAT THE EMBARGO TRIAL CONVINCED THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND PUBLIC THAT CERTAIN
KINDS OF PRESSURES AND LIMITATIONS CANNOT BE PENALTIES
FOR DEMOCRATICALLY ADMINISTRATED COUNTRIES. THAT IS,
NO DEMOCRACY CAN BE FORCED BY AMERICAN PRESSURE TO TAKE
A STEP WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE APPROVAL OF ITS PEOPLE.
IN FACT, SUCH PRESSURE BY THE U.S. WILL ONLY MAKE AMERICA
UGLIER, THE PROBLEMS MORE COMPLEX, AND THEIR SOLUTIONS
INSOLUBLE. IF THE EMBARGO EXPERIENCE, WHICH PLACED
TURKEY IN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY, IS A LESSON WHICH HAS
BEEN LEARNED, TURKEY WILL HAVE CONSOLATION FOR ITS
DIFFICULTY.
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5. COMMENT. WHILE YENI ASIR IS A STRONGLY PRO-JUSTICE
PARTY NEWSPPAER, MENGI IS A COLUMNIST WHO TRIES TO
EVALUATEDEVELOPMENTS INDEPENDENT OF PARTY BIAS.
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